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RE: FDA Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sir:

I am requesting that you grant the petition of Farm Sanctuary to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals (The Downed Animal Protection Act). I was horrified to learn of the inhumane treatment of downed animals and do not believe that animals that are too sick or injured event to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain. They pose a health risk to humans due to increased risk of bacterial contamination. The fact that 90 percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling means that there is no justification for the continuance of this horrible practice which degrades us as human beings and deservedly places us at risk.

Sincerely,

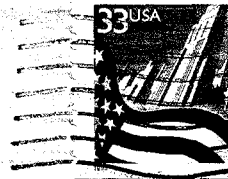


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